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# SONIC

## THE FLUGITIVE

ENDGAME

PART 2 OF 4



Years ago, most of the young residents of Planet Mobius were forced into war, defending themselves against the conspiracy of Julian, former Warlord of the Kingdom of Acorn. Most notable of these "Freedom Fighters" is a team led by the King's own daughter, and championed by the swiftest hero in the land. While their past efforts have been valiant, they have been a far cry from the total defeat of the rechristened Dr. Robotnik.

When their former sire staged a miraculous return to health, fortune seemed to shine on our stalwart heroes. The glistening hope of more experienced leadership paved the way for potential salvation.

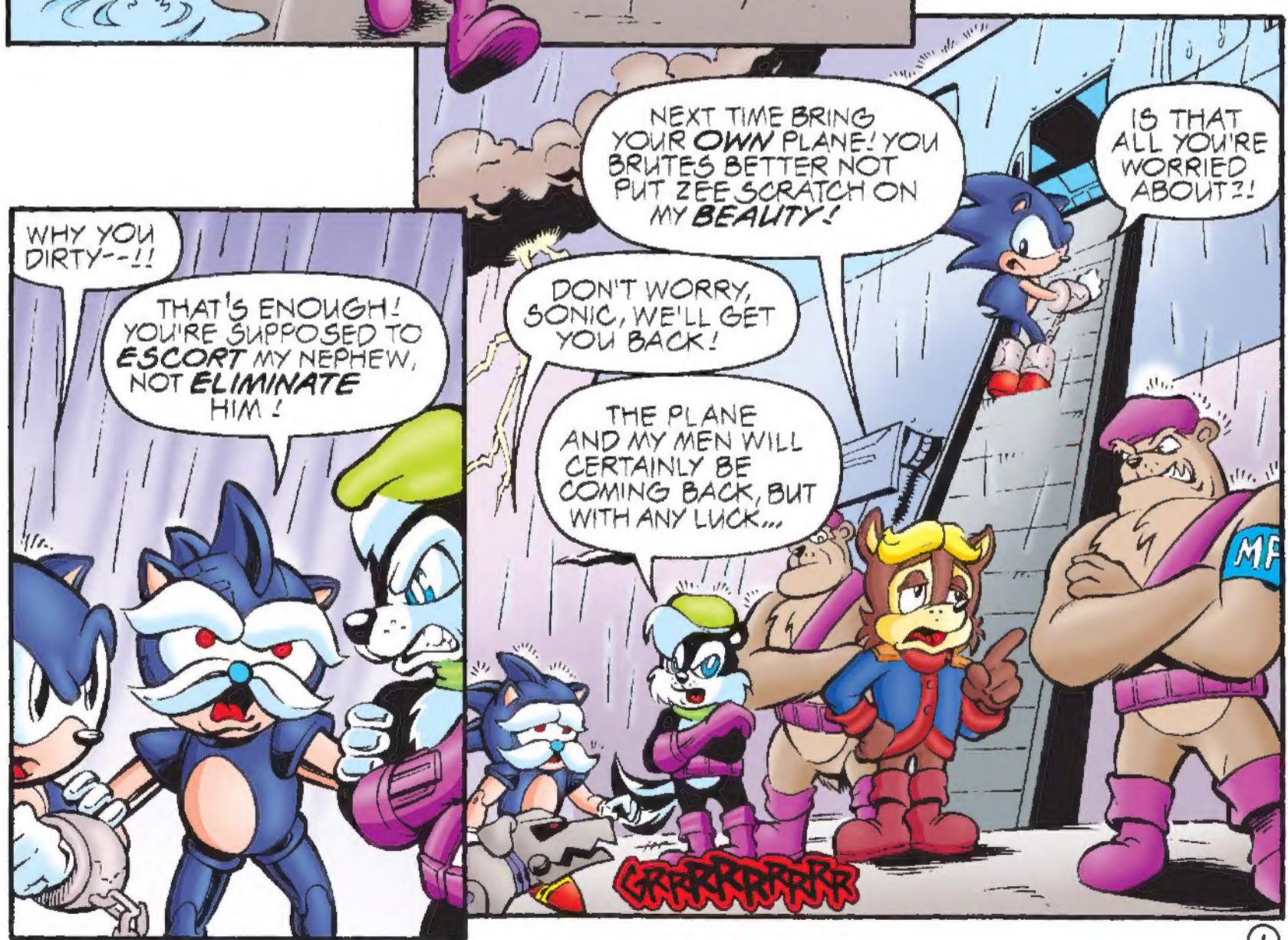
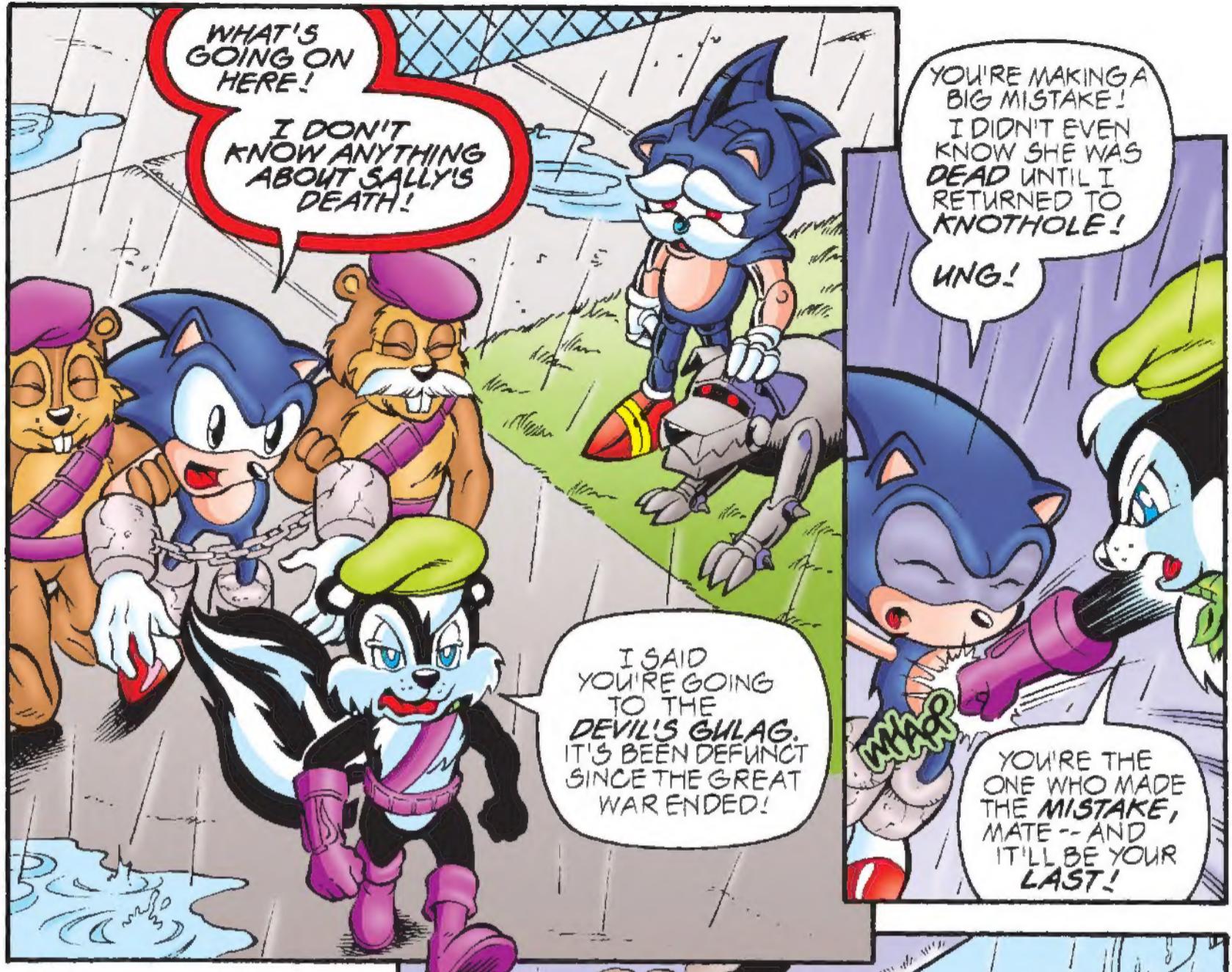
Alas, it was not to be...

During their latest mission, Princess Sally Acorn met sudden tragedy. Returned to Knothole Village, she was pronounced D.I.D.O. Almost as tragic was the revelation that she died at the hands of...

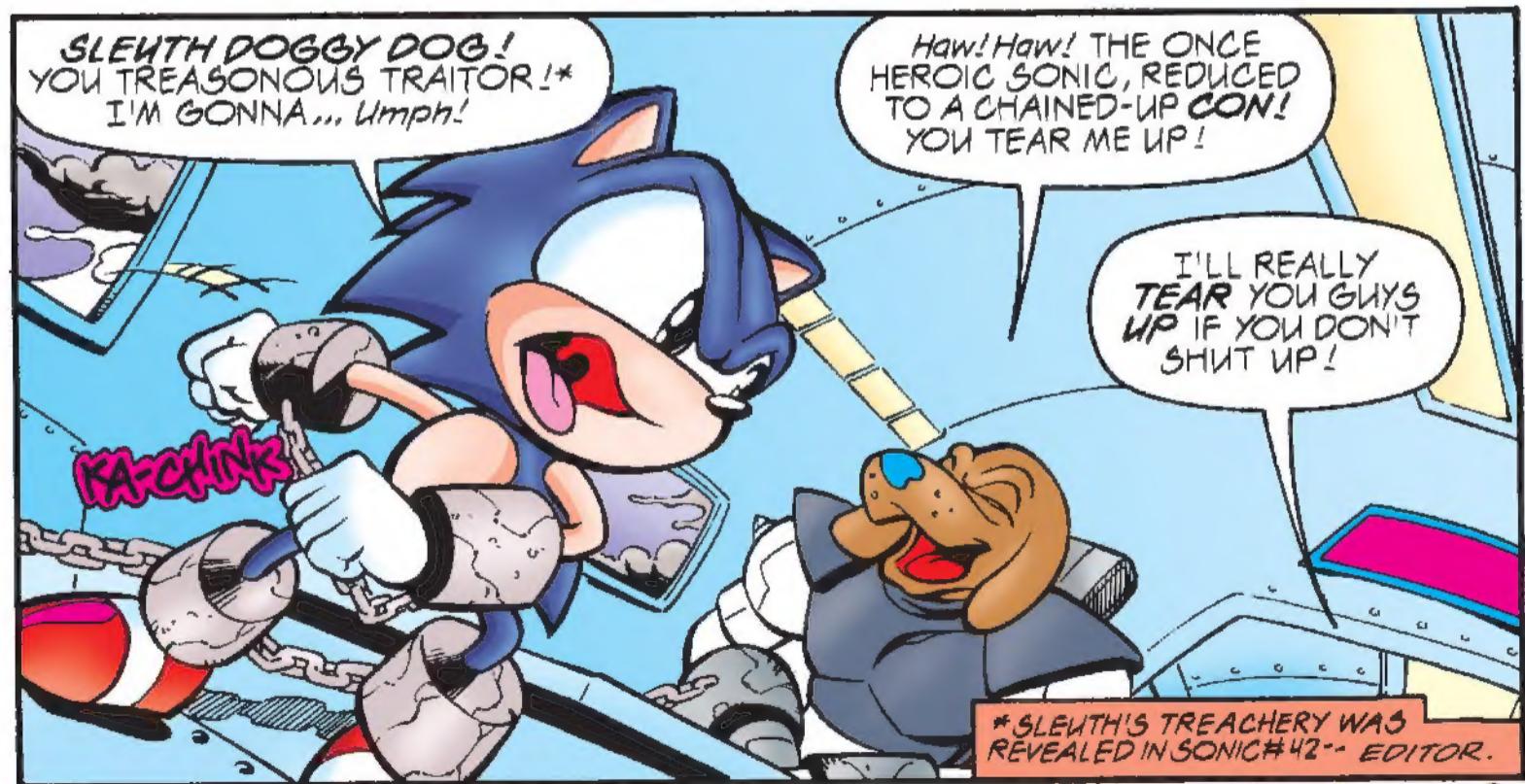
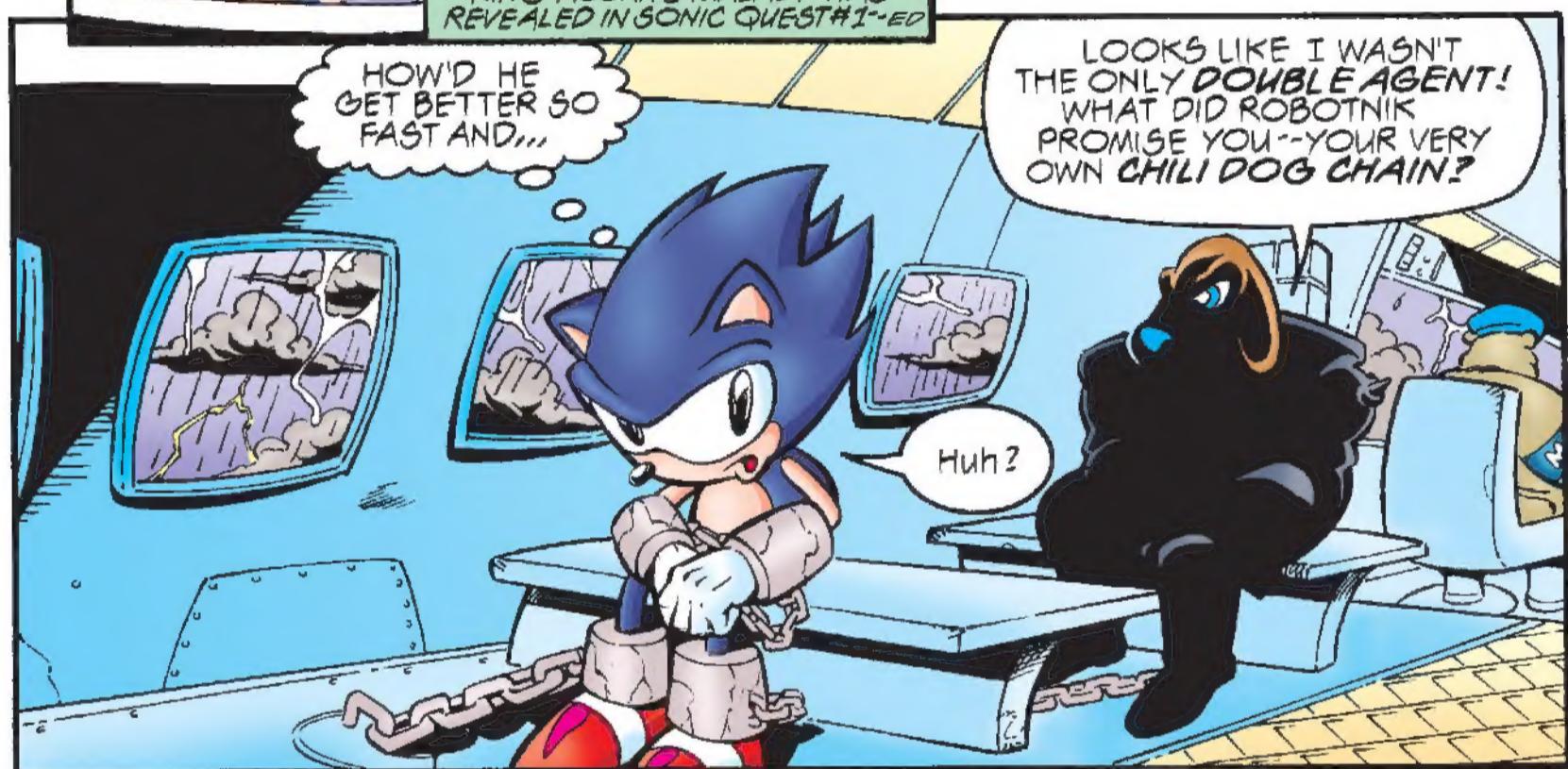
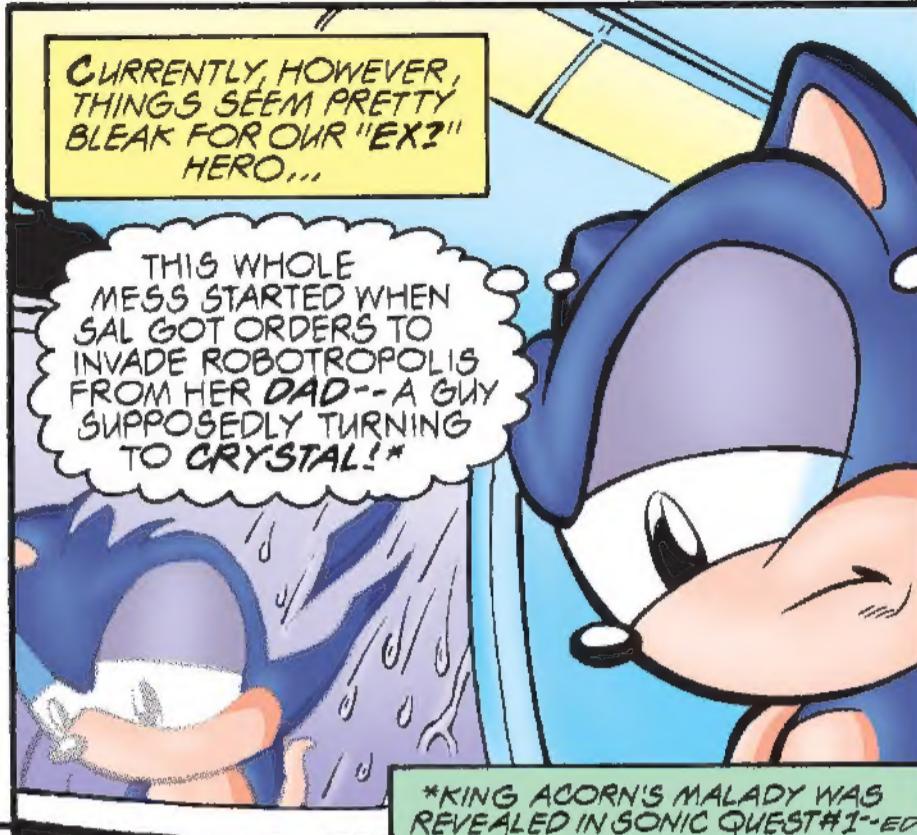
Sonic The Hedgehog himself!

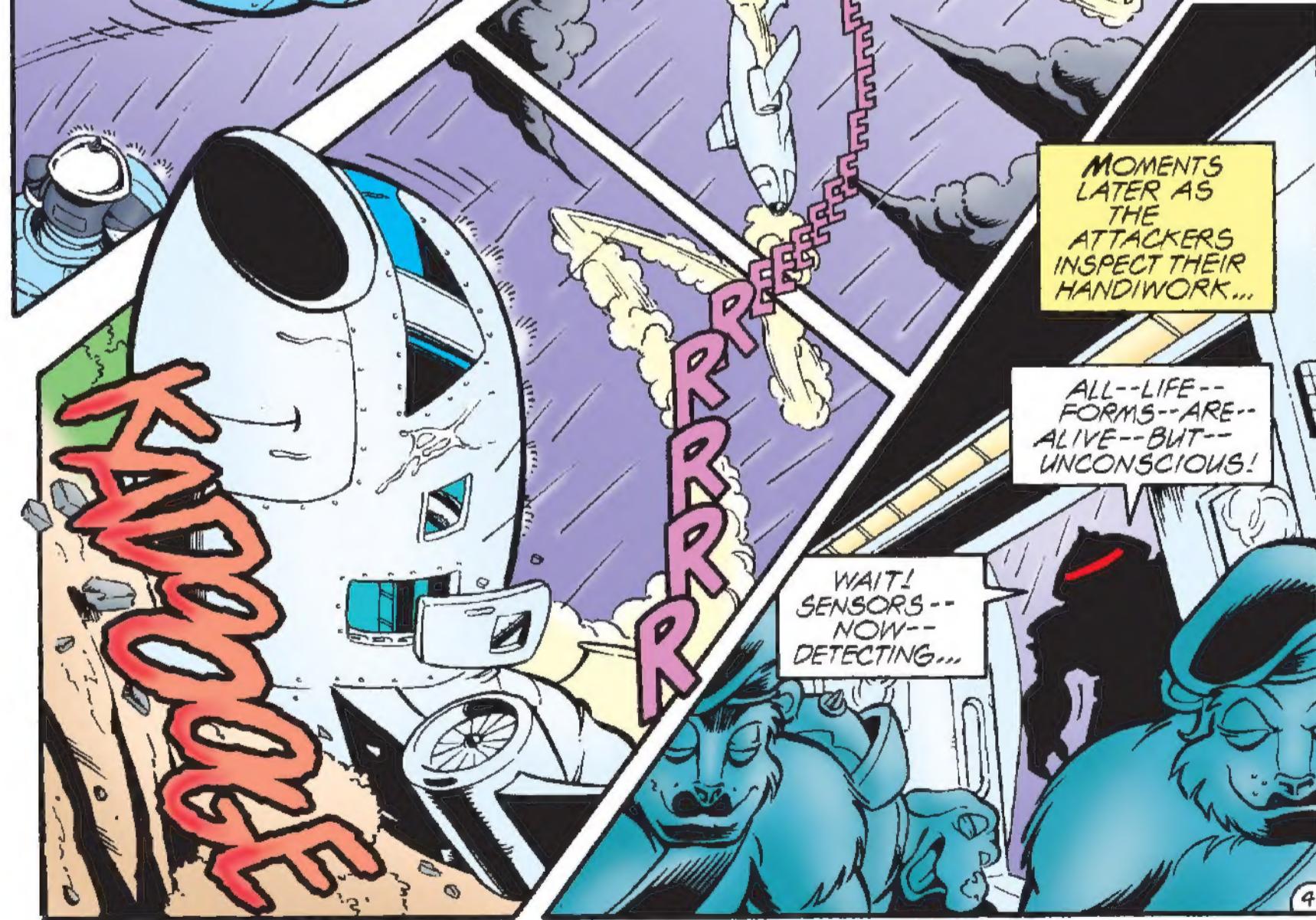
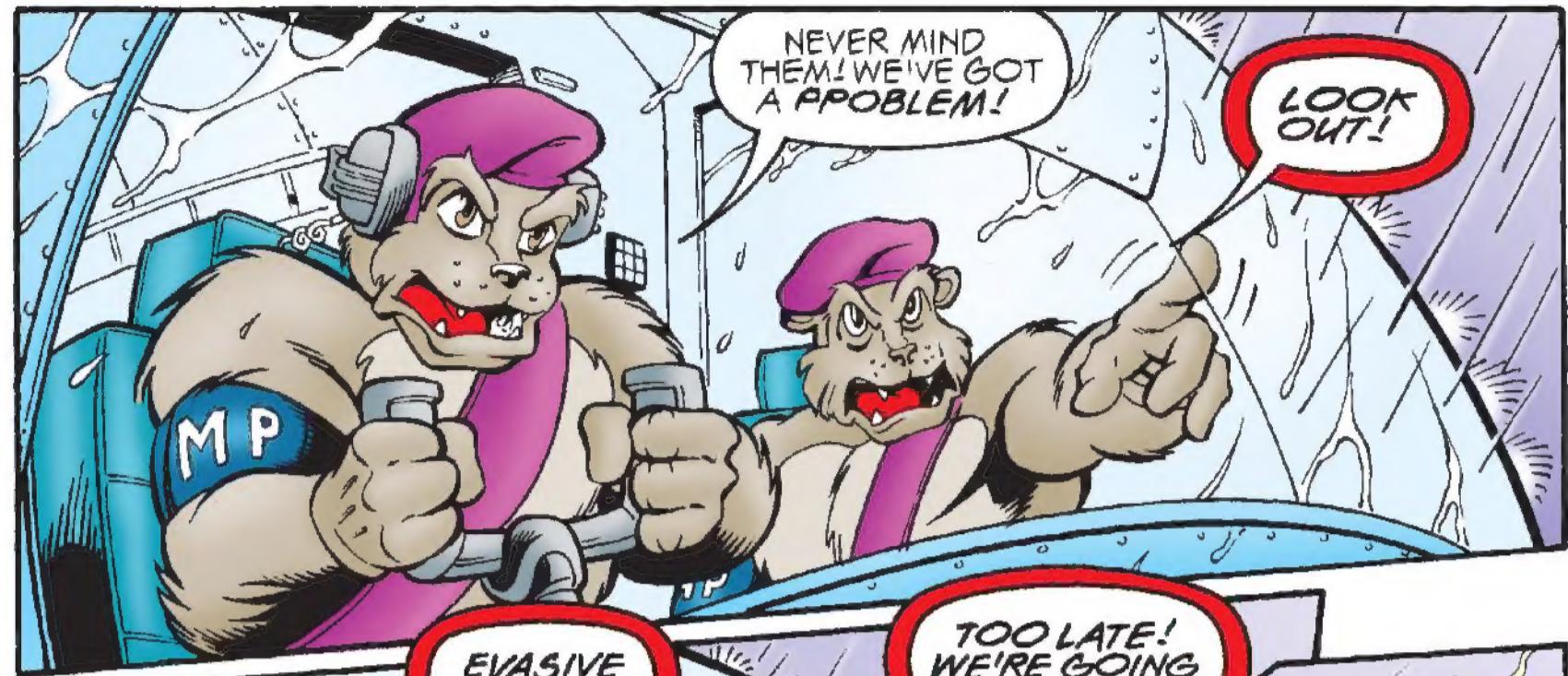
Pronouncing sentence, the King condemned the "former" hero to a life of imprisonment. While it is clear that treachery and deceit abound, it is equally unclear who all the conspirators are of this swift injustice. While it is certain that the dark forces of Robotropolis are preparing their next move, it is equally uncertain whether our heroes will rally, recreating the former glory of the once-gleaming city of Mobotropolis.

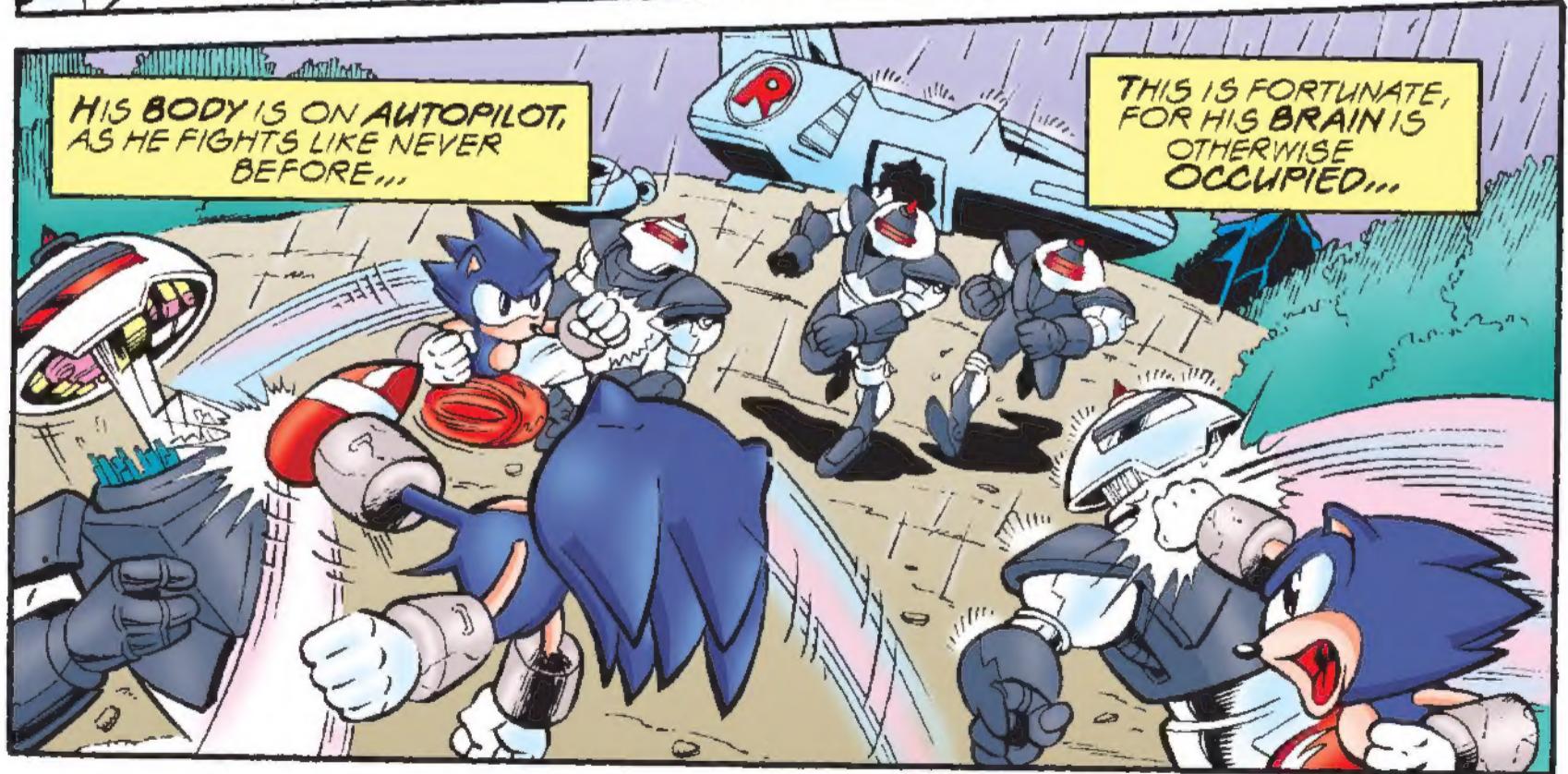
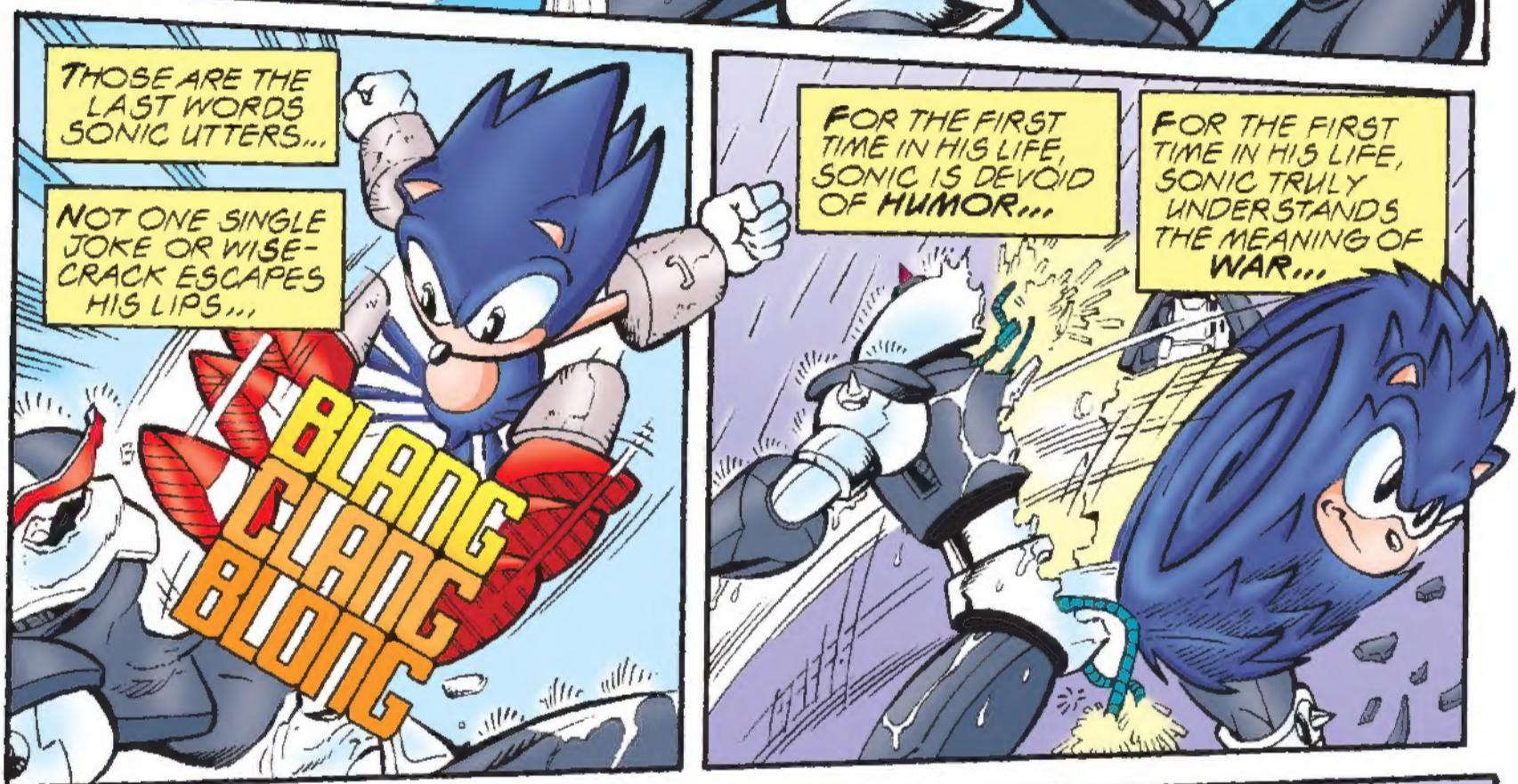
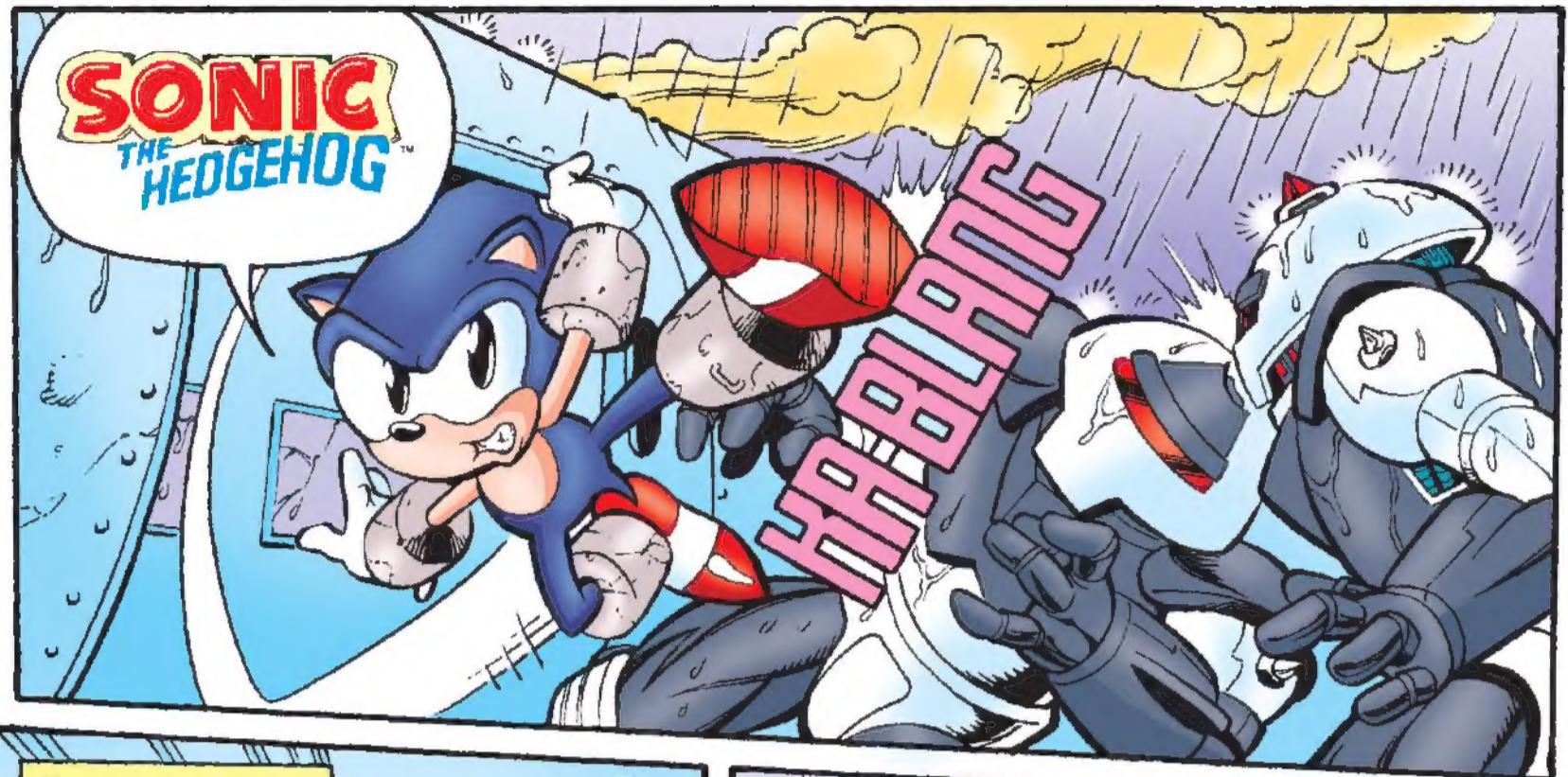
One thing cannot be disputed – no one will ever be the same...

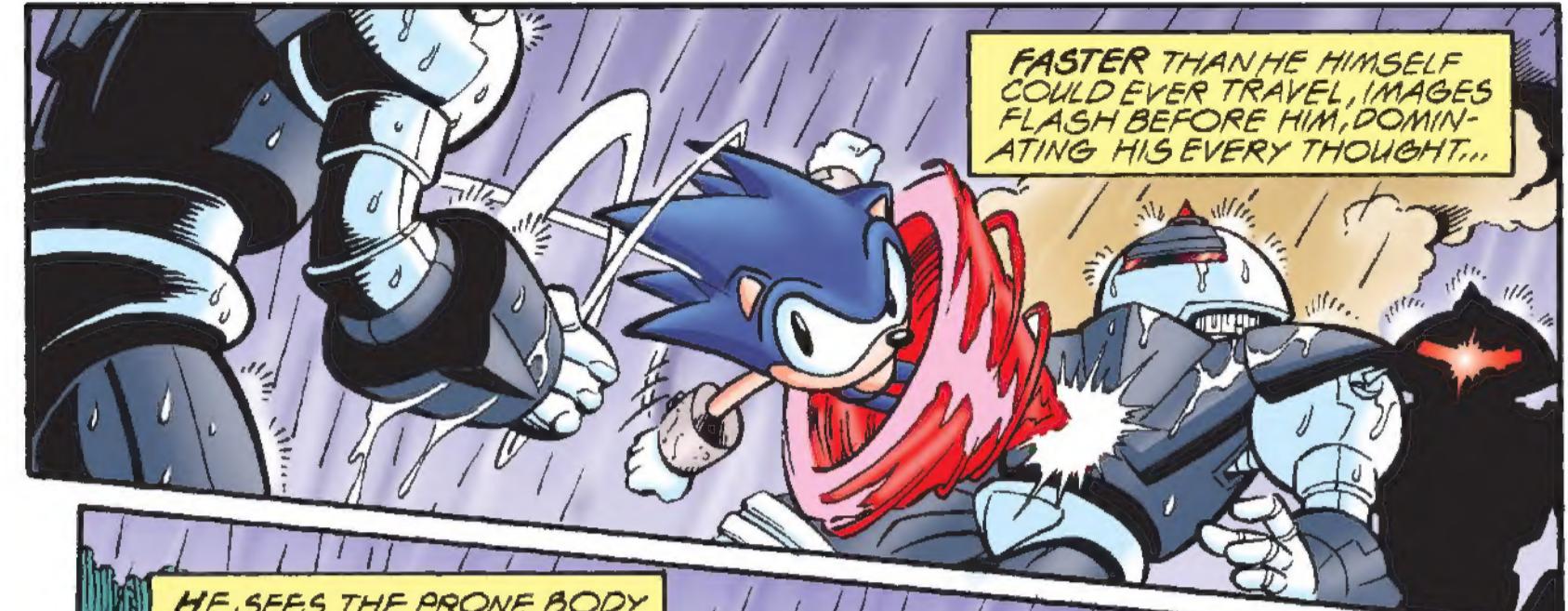




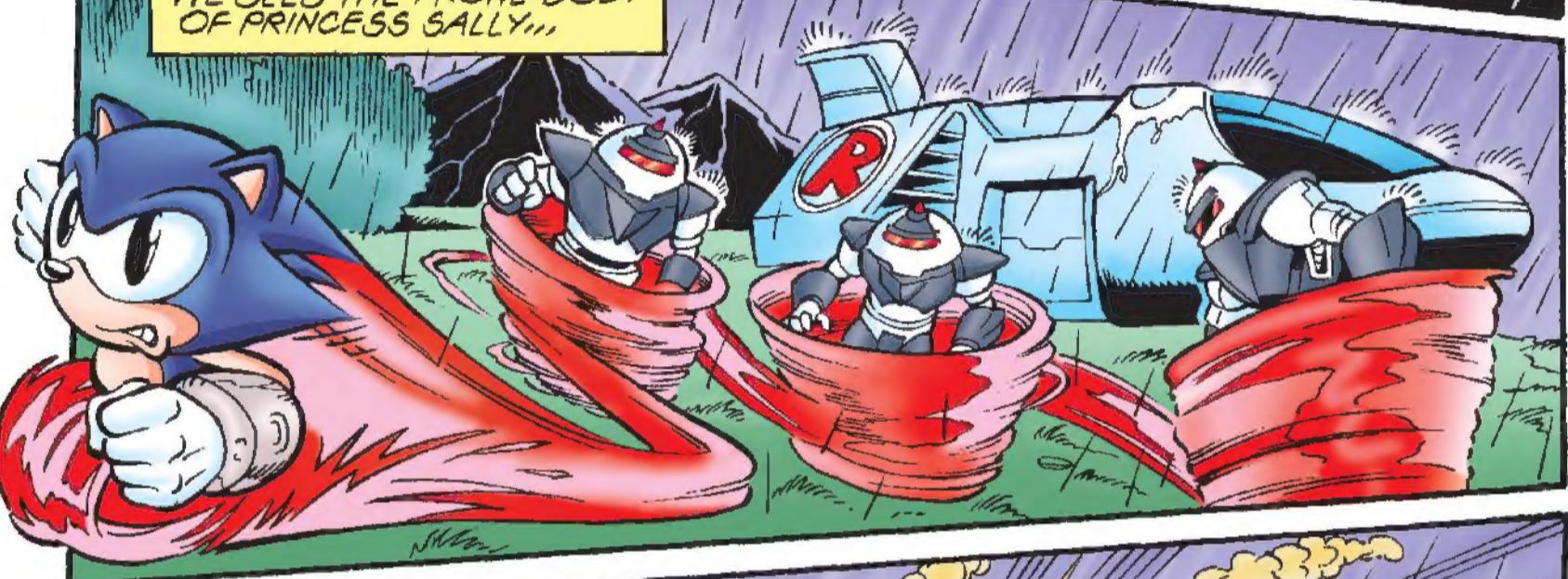




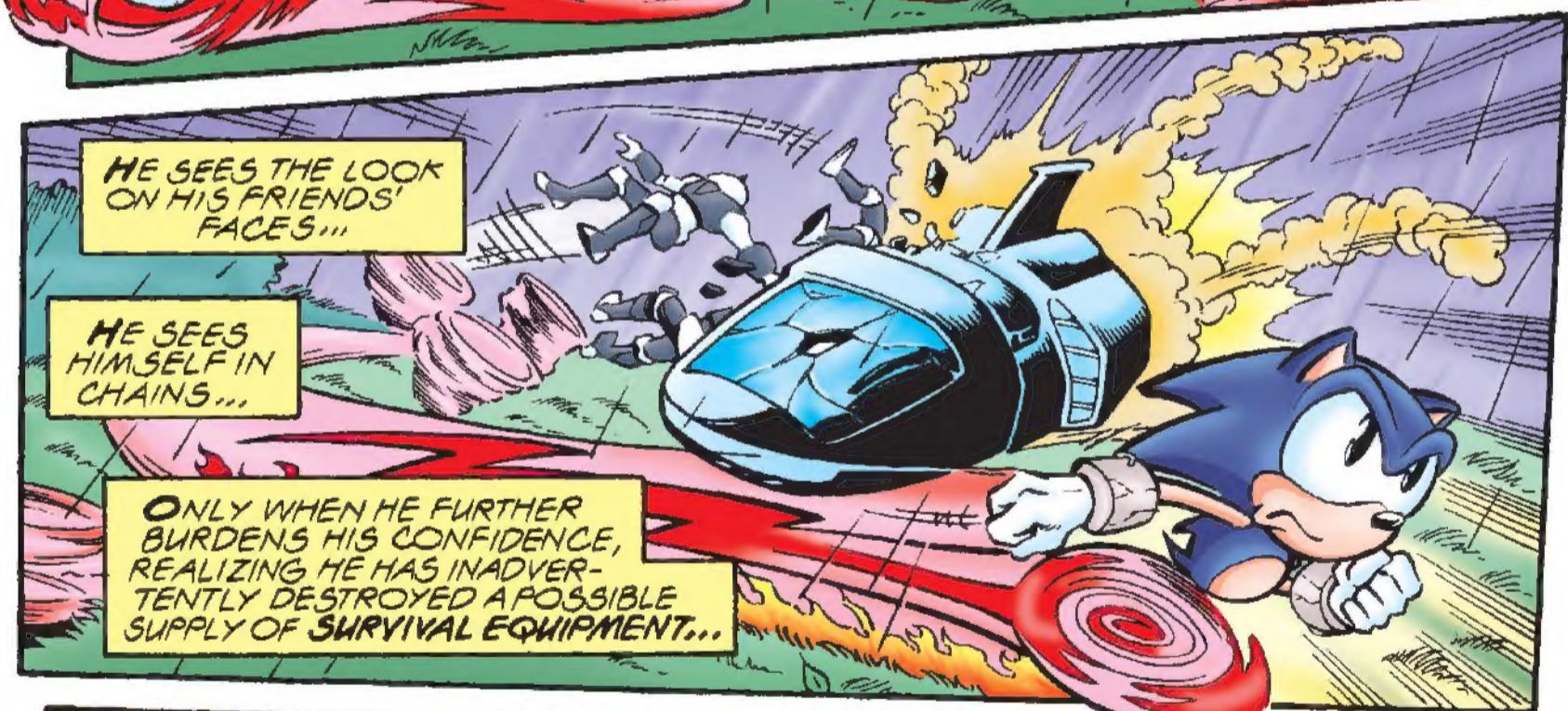




FASTER THAN HE HIMSELF COULD EVER TRAVEL, IMAGES FLASH BEFORE HIM, DOMINATING HIS EVERY THOUGHT...



HE SEES THE PRONE BODY OF PRINCESS SALLY...



HE SEES THE LOOK ON HIS FRIENDS' FACES...

HE SEES HIMSELF IN CHAINS...

ONLY WHEN HE FURTHER BURDENS HIS CONFIDENCE, REALIZING HE HAS INADVERTENTLY DESTROYED A POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT...



...DOES HIS MIND REGAIN CONTROL, MAKING HIM AWARE THAT THIS MINOR BATTLE IS OVER, AND IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME TO TAKE FLIGHT!

WHILE THE DEPARTING SONIC PONDERS HIS DESTINY, OTHERS ARE ALREADY PREPARING FOR HIS IMMEDIATE FUTURE...

Ahh, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, FORGIVE MY INTERRUPTION OF YOUR MEDITATIONS, BUT I'M GLAD I'VE CAUGHT YOU ALONE!

YOUR REPORTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, FAITHFUL DRAGO!

I'M SORRY TO REPORT THAT THE PLANE TRANSPORTING SONIC HAS CRASHED MILES AWAY FROM THE PLANNED DESTINATION...! THE MP'S ARE OKAY AND SNOOP IS STILL IN CUSTODY, BUT--

SONIC HAS ESCAPED!

PITY, IT APPEARS HE WILL HAVE TO BE HUNTED DOWN LIKE A DOG... OR BY DOGS!

SEND IN ST. JOHN...

SHORTLY...

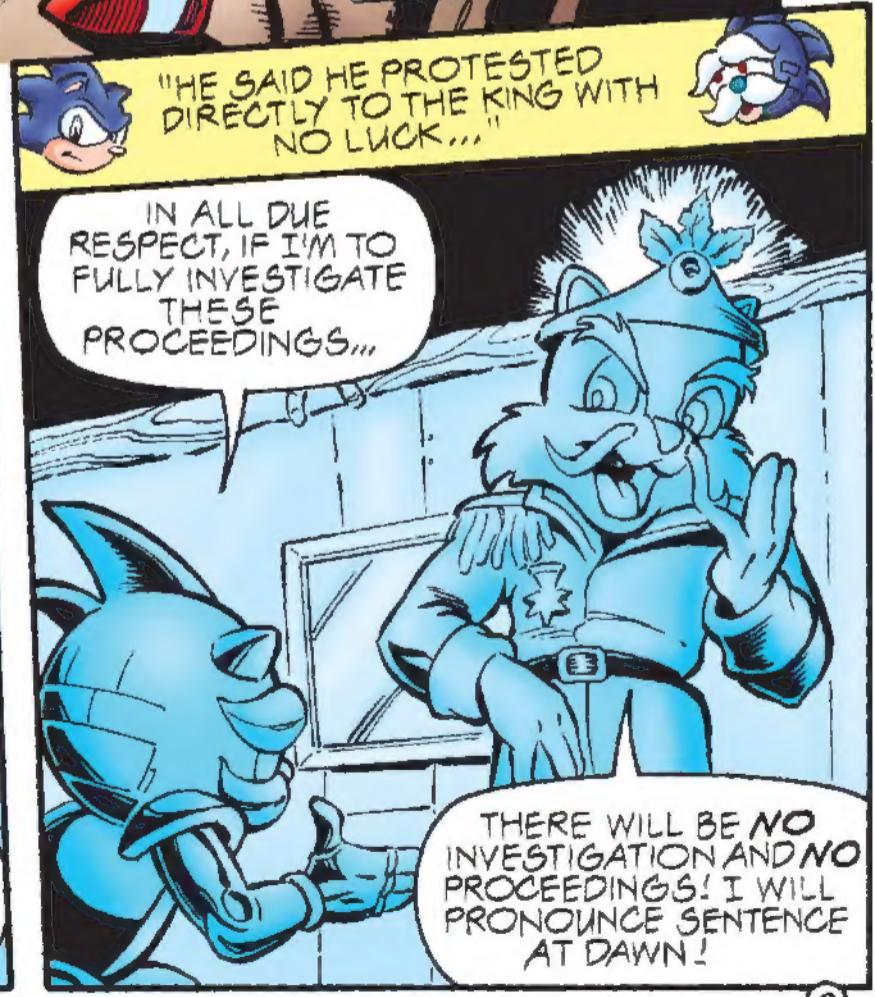
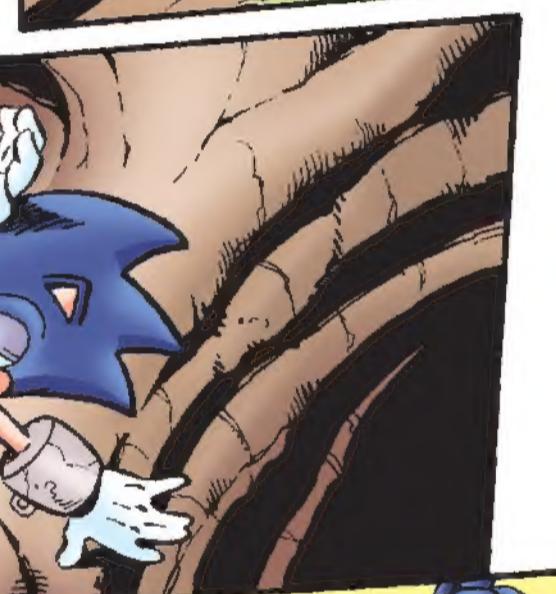
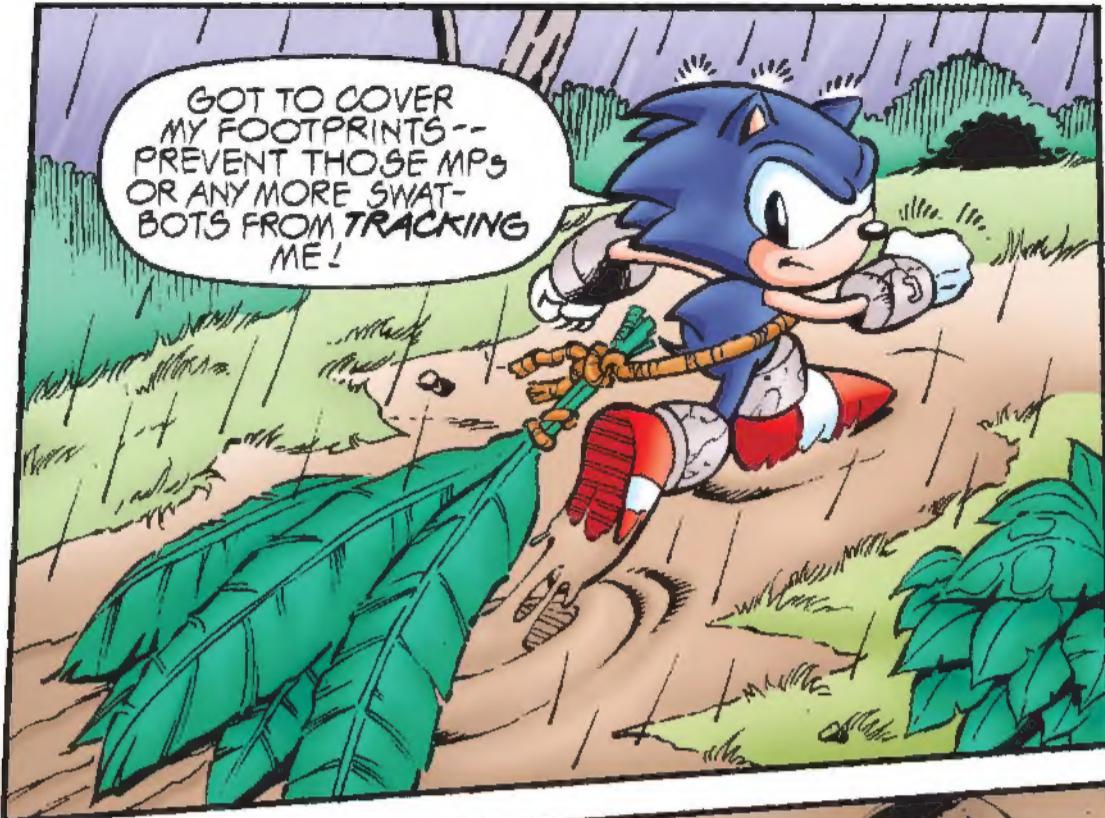
YOUR MEN HAVE FAILED ME, GEOFFREY! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS ESCAPED!

...BUT MY MEN ARE THE FINEST- TRAINED SOLDIERS ANYWHERE!

GIVE ME NOT YOUR EXCUSES, MAN! I WON'T HAVE A MURDERER FREE IN MY SOON-TO-BE RESTORED KINGDOM!

FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY! I'LL ROUST MY MEN IMMEDIATELY! AND I MAKE YOU THIS PLEDGE--

-- IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO I WILL RECAPTURE THAT HEDGEHOG!



"AND HE DIDN'T NEED ANY OF HIS ESPIONAGE EXPERIENCE TO REALIZE SOMETHING WAS WAY PAST UNCOOL..."

I THINK OUR "CAMPFIRE POW WOW" REVEALED THE TRUTH -- THERE IS A TRAITOR OR TRAITORS IN OUR MIDST... AND I KNOW IT ISN'T YOU!\*

\*IT HAPPENED IN SONIC #46 EDITOR.

"HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT PAST THE SHOCK AND HAD HIS STUFF TOGETHER!"

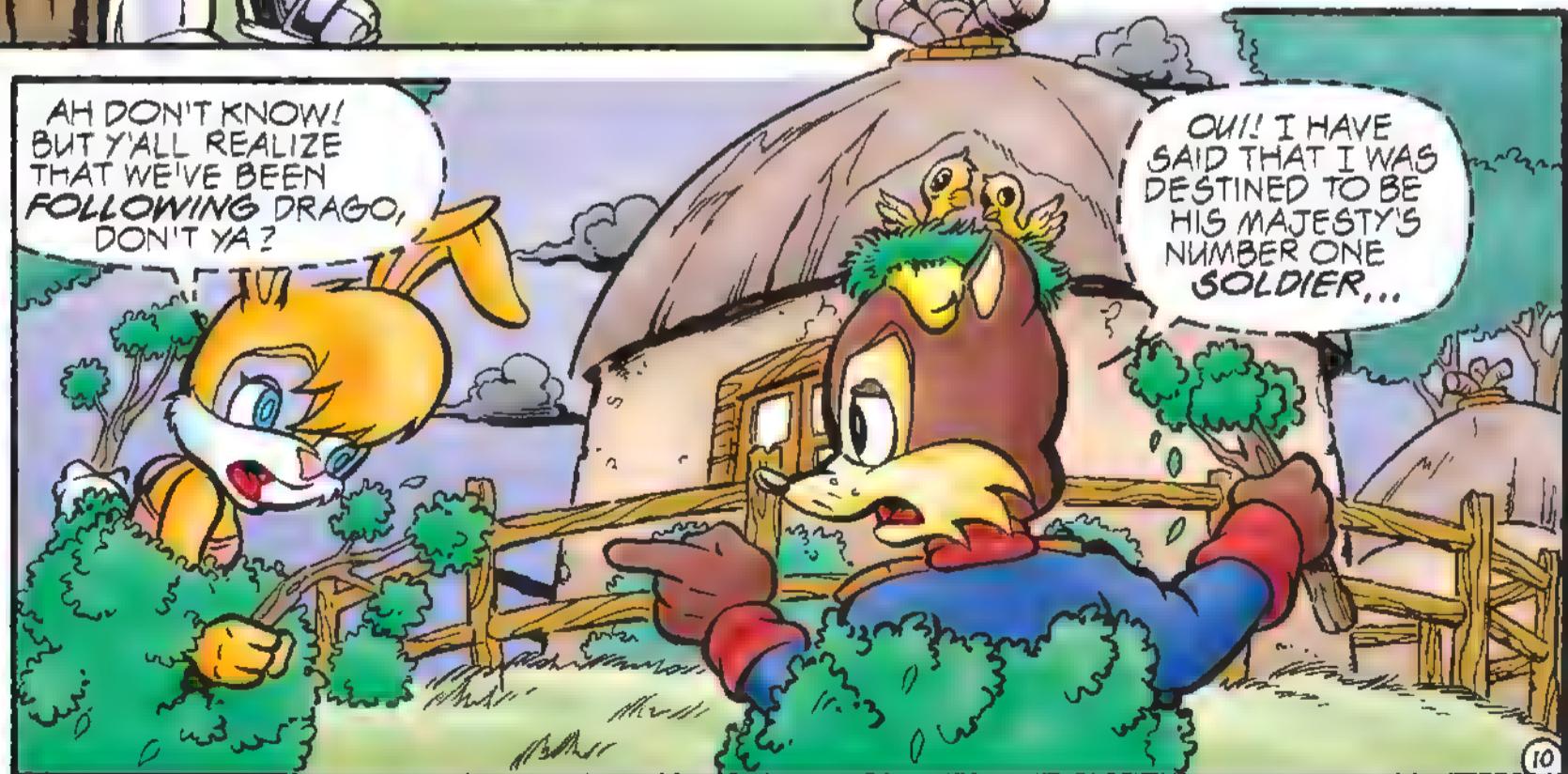
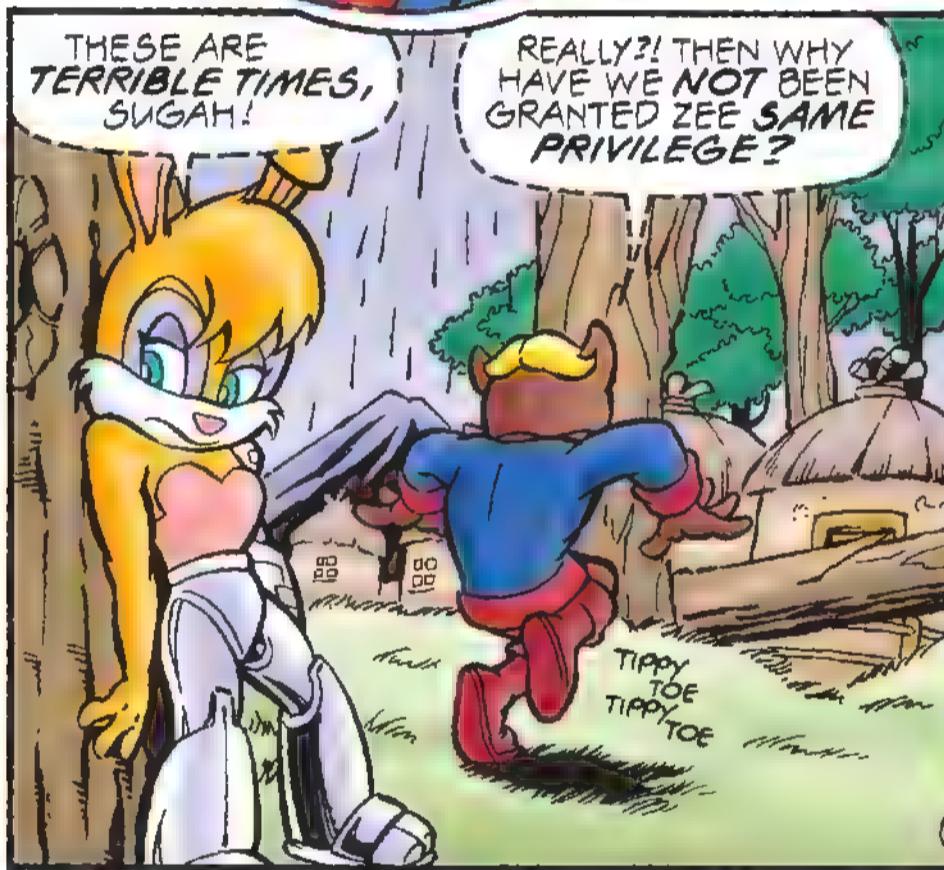
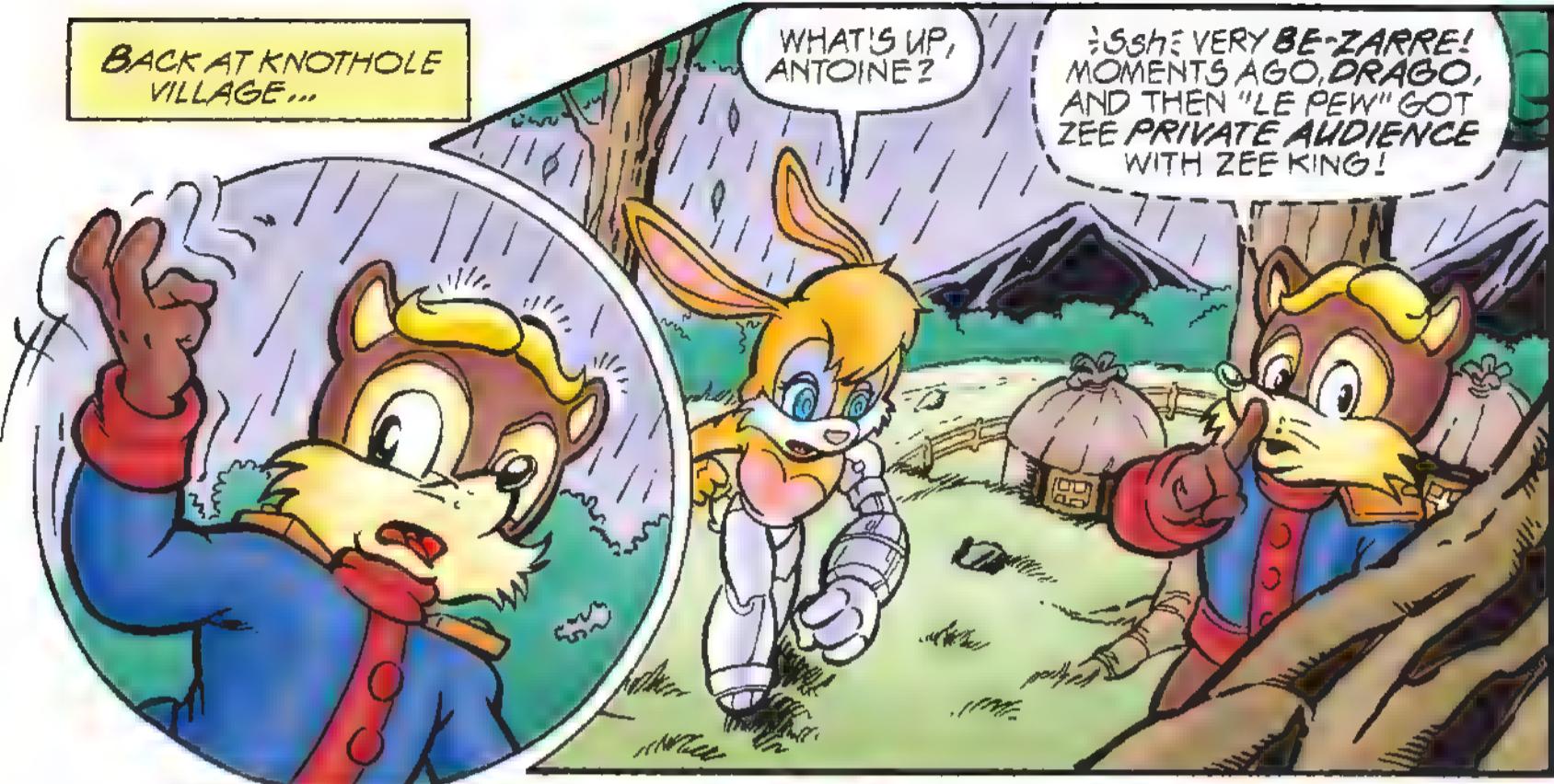
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE SONIC! I KNOW I WON'T UNTIL JUSTICE IS SERVED!

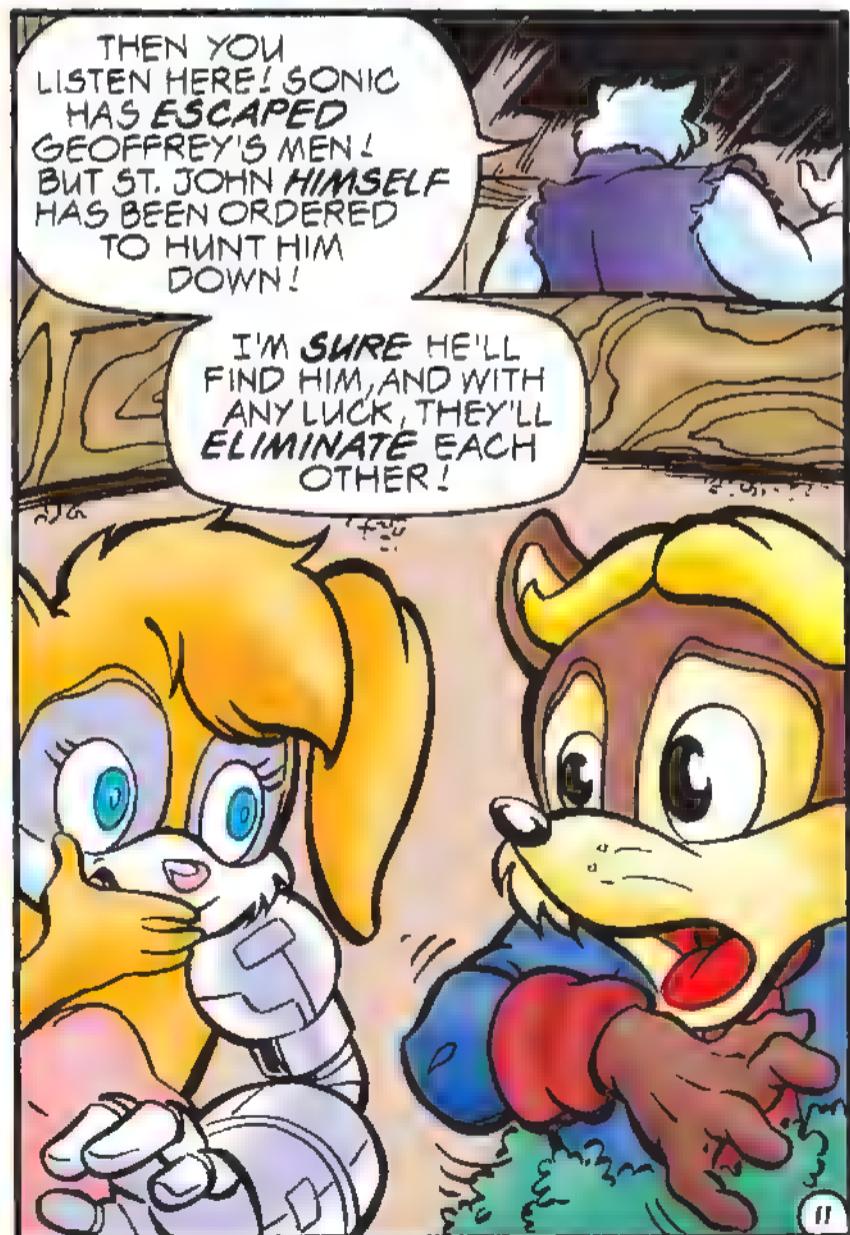
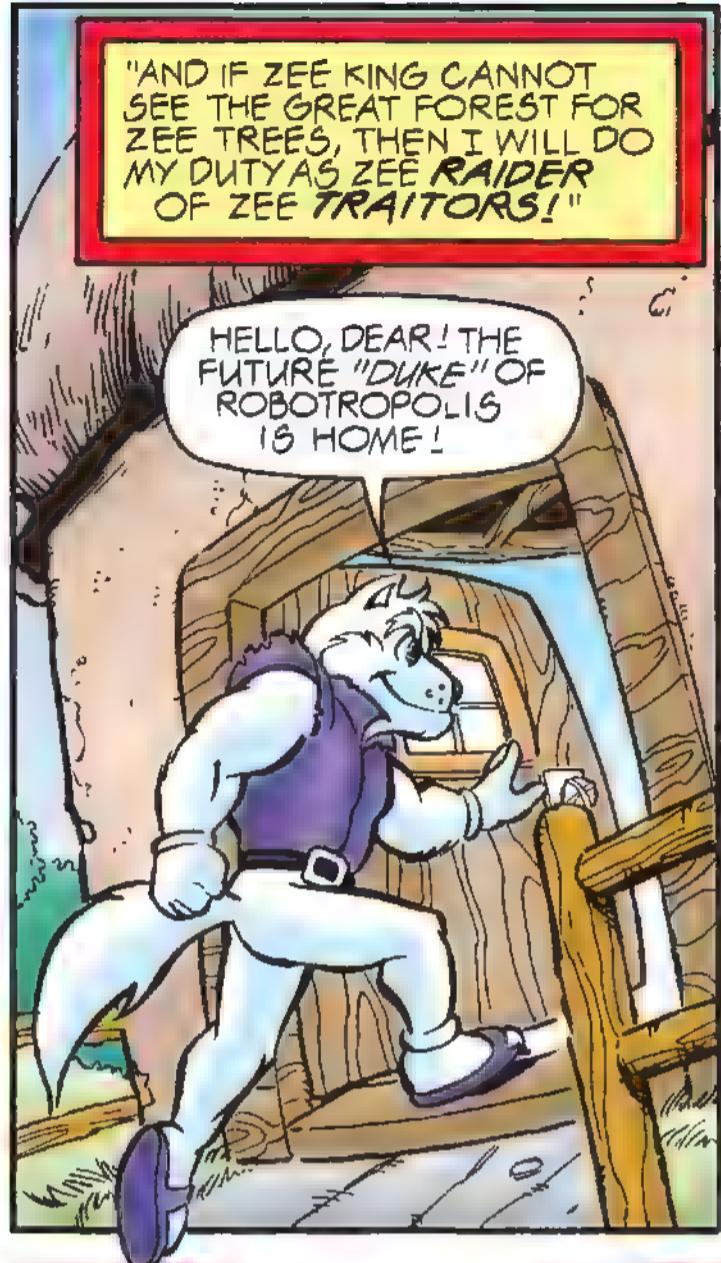
SONIC'S MIND REELS IN TURMOIL...

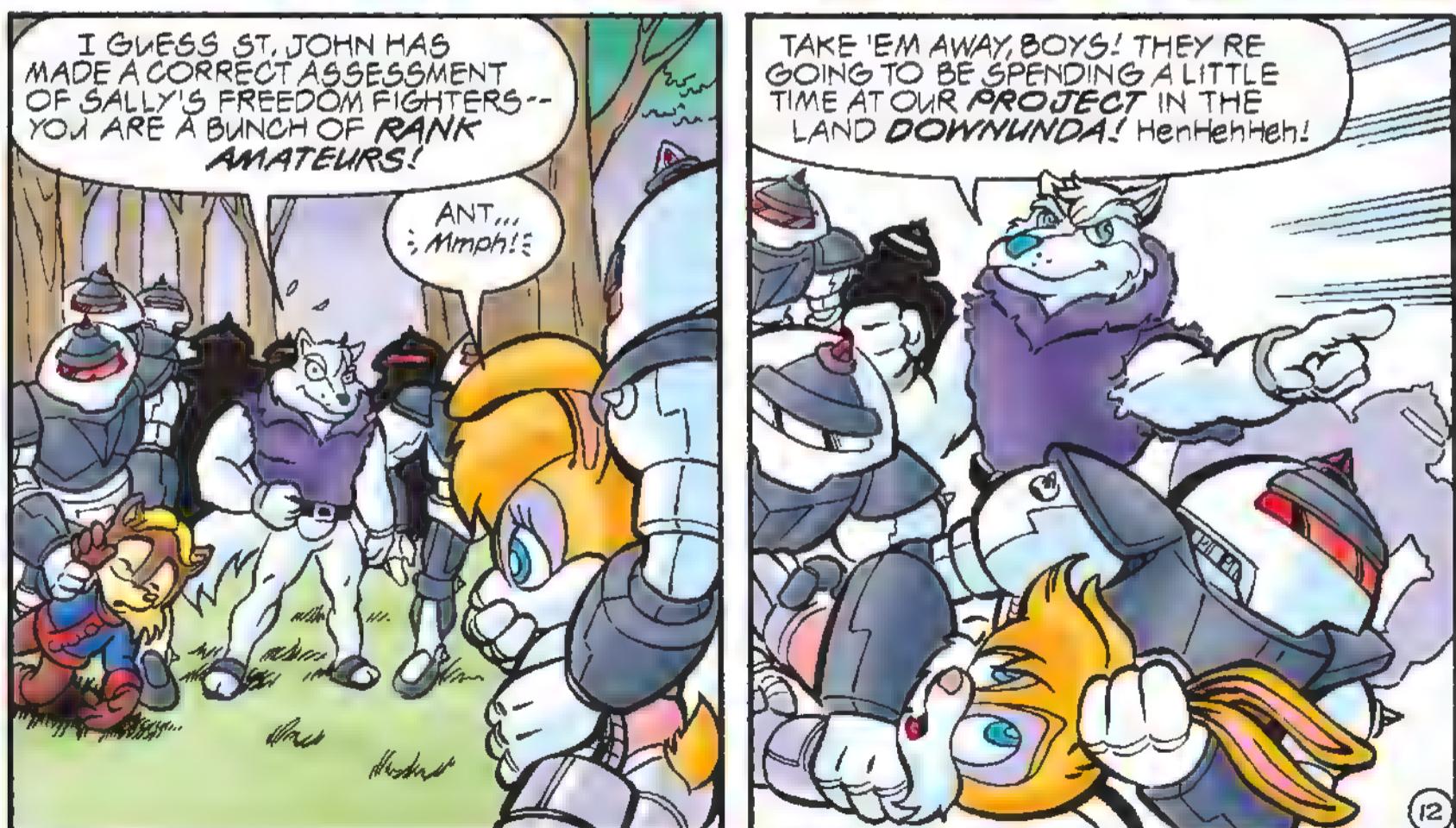
AND WHEN HIS CAPACITY TO PONDER CURRENTLY UNANSWERABLE QUESTIONS COMES TO AN END...

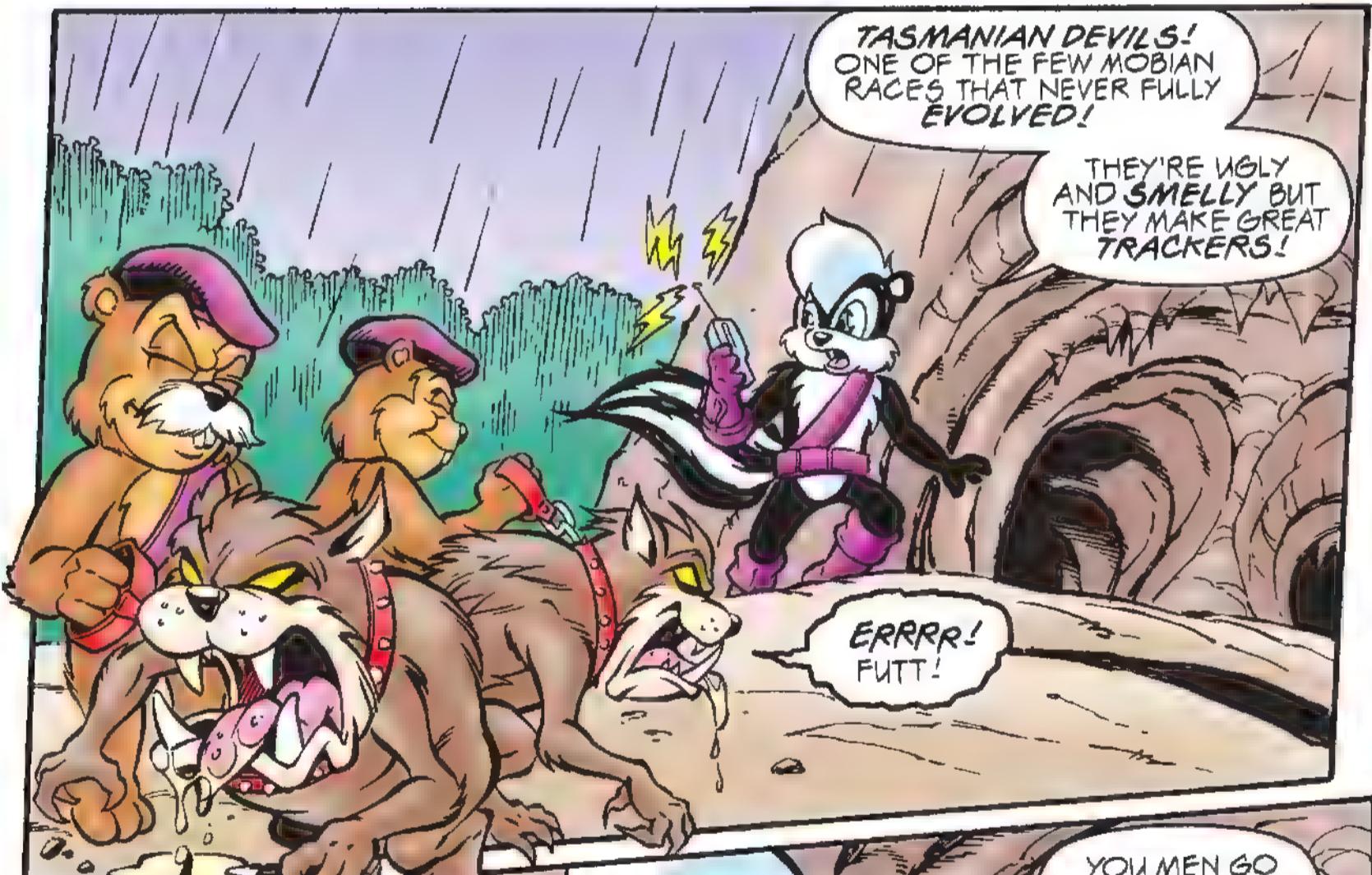
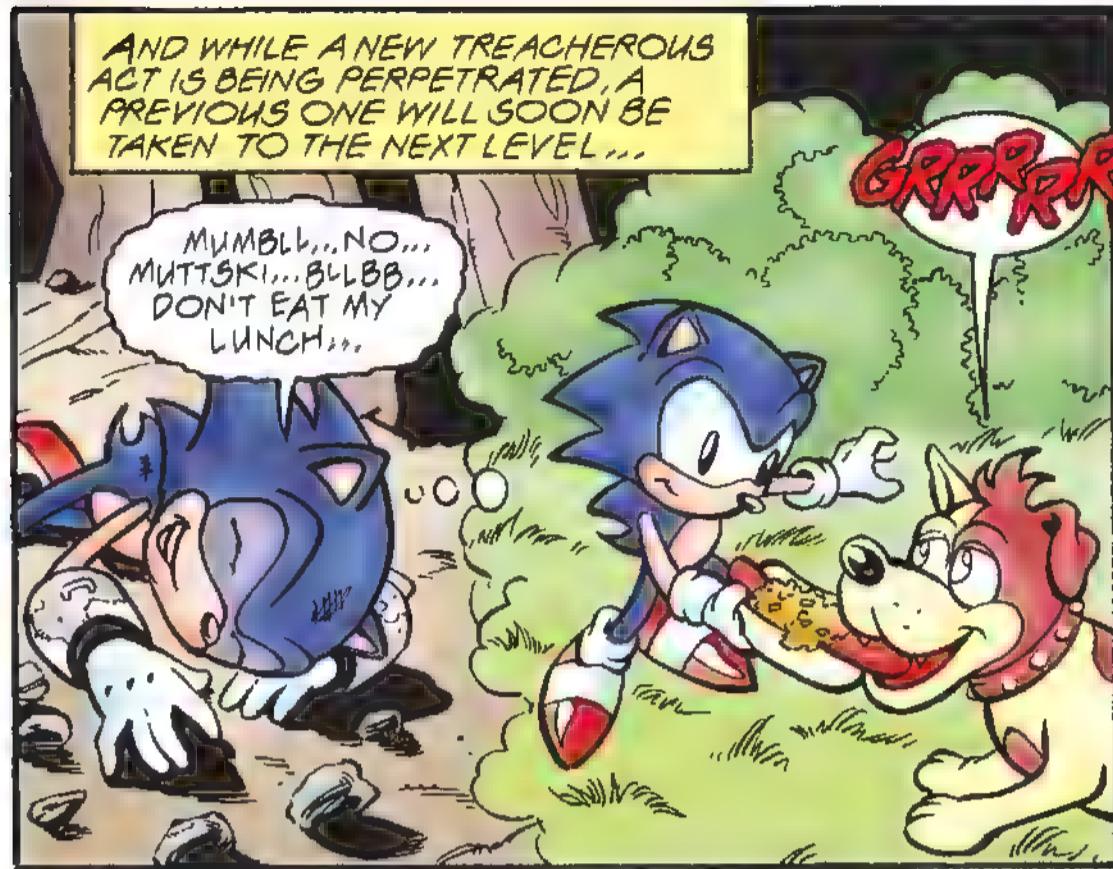
ONLY THEN DOES HE FEEL THE TRUE IMPACT OF SALLY'S PASSING...

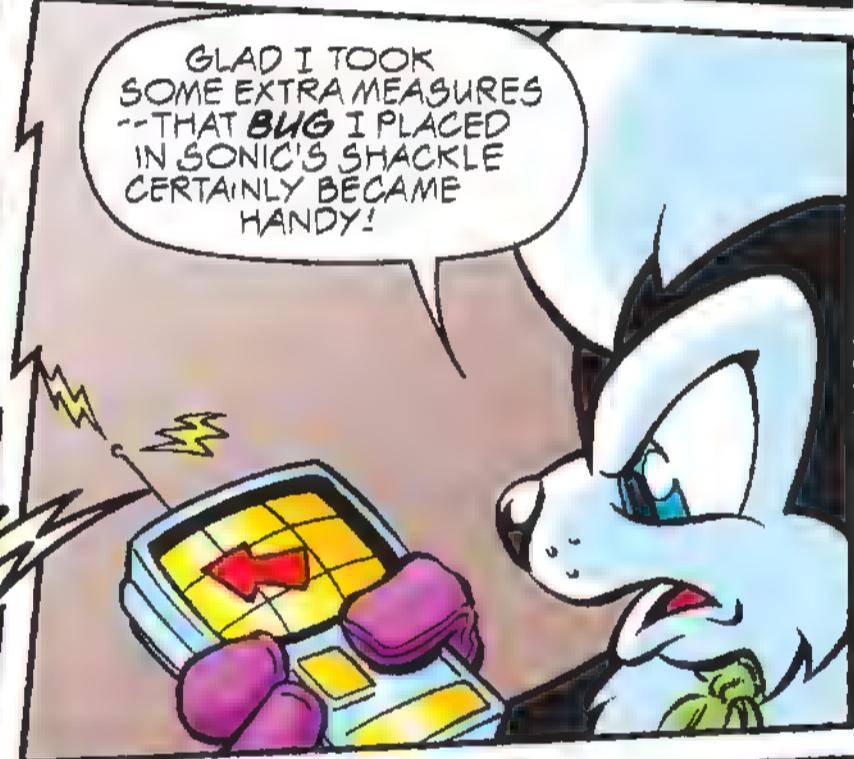
ONLY THEN DOES THE STRESS AND GRIEF FORCE HIS BODY TO SUCUMB TO SLEEP.

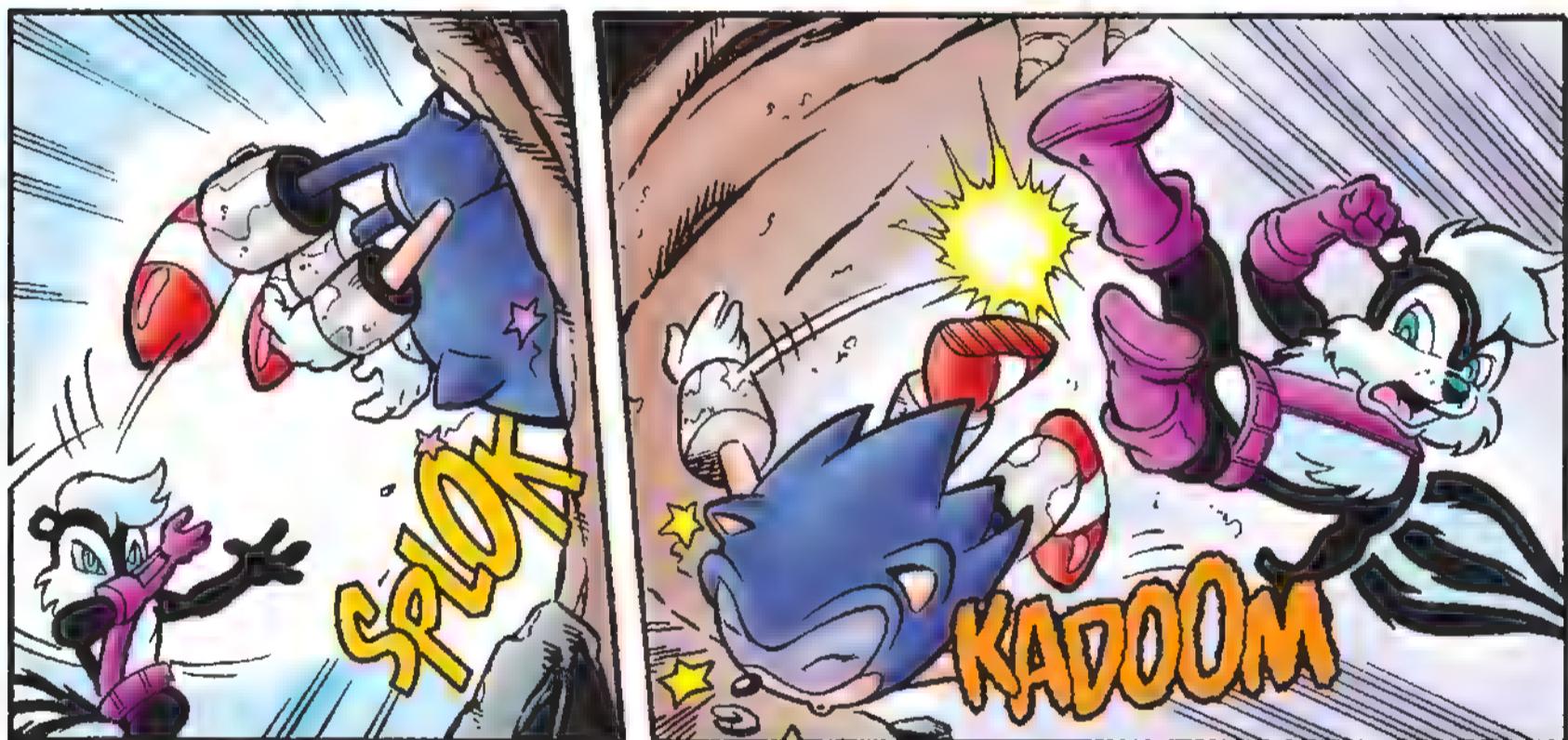
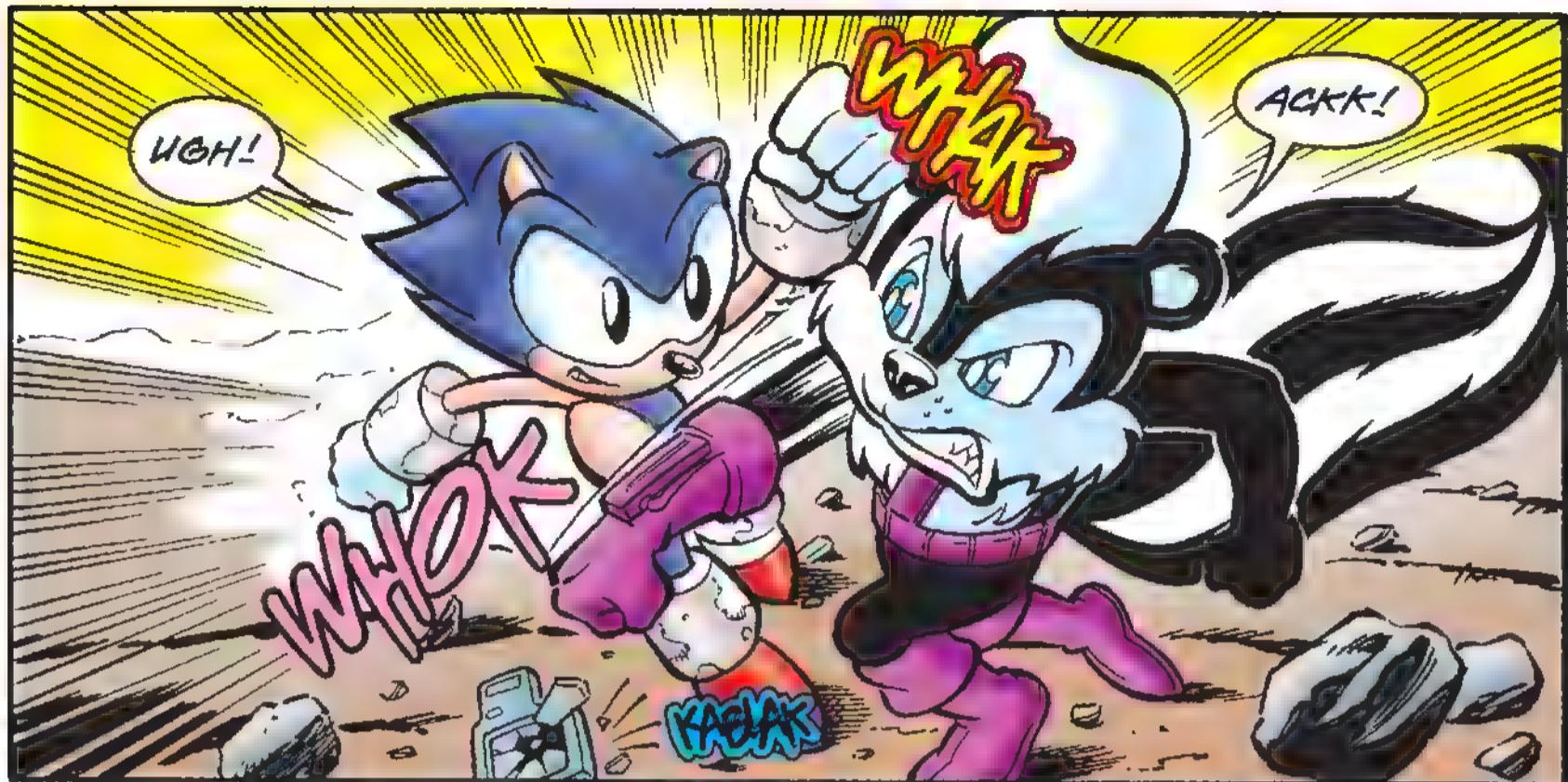














AS WE PONDER THE FATE OF OUR COMBATANTS, WE TAKE A POSSIBLE LAST LOOK INSIDE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

SINCE IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE I LAST DID SO, AND IN LIEU OF ALL THE RECENT EVENTS, I THOUGHT IT HIGH TIME I HELD COURT!

FIRST, LET ME SAY, THAT DESPITE THE UNFORTUNATE FATES OF MY DAUGHTER AND SONIC, I AM QUITE PLEASED WITH THE HEROISM YOU, MY LOYAL SUBJECTS, HAVE DEMONSTRATED DURING MY EXILE!



HOWEVER, YOUR EFFORTS HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN FUTILE!

THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH FIGHTING AND TOO LITTLE PROGRESS -- WHICH I ATTRIBUTE TO YOUR GENERAL LACK OF ABILITY.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE SEEN FIT, FOR THE GOOD OF THE KINGDOM, TO REINSTATE THE POSITION OF WARLORD IN OUR REALM.

I THINK YOU'LL FIND MY CANDIDATE MORE THAN EXPERIENCED TO DO THE JOB... THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE!

LOYAL SUBJECTS, I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE...



